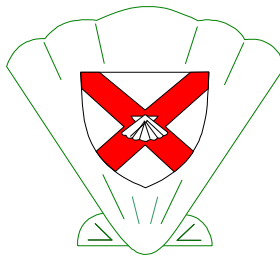


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A message from the Head of School

What a busy week! Firstly, I want to say how proud we all are of our Year 6 pupils this week. They have worked so hard during testing week and have shown us just how mature they are becoming. We are impressed with their resilience and the positive, yet calm, way they have approached the tests. Whilst we are sure they have all done their very best we also know that these tests tell us only a very tiny amount about these amazing children and all they have achieved in their lives so far. I hope they all have a relaxing weekend, ready for more learning as they complete their journey at St James'. Well done to the rest of the school for supporting their peers by keeping the school calm.

This term always seems a short one but we still manage to pack a lot of learning in! I have been showing a lot of people round school recently and am always so impressed with how confident and motivated our pupils are, right from reception up to Year 6. The children are, rightly, proud to show visitors their learning and their classrooms.

This Saturday is the Big Clean at the Infant School – please join us if you are able to spare an hour or so. Mr Fleming has been working very hard to revamp the entrance hall and corridor in the infants – it is gleaming – it would be great if the outside was as shiny!

Next week is the last week of Term 5 – I hope you and your families have a fantastic half term when we get there. Don't forget that Monday 3rd June is an INSET day so the children do not attend school.

Debbie Johnson
Head of School



Travel Plan

All Kent schools have a travel plan which they submit to KCC in order to get support with traffic issues. We are currently in the process of rewriting plans for both the infant and junior school. We have been surveying pupils and staff this week to see how they get to school. Please look out for a parent survey coming to your inbox over the next few days. We are really interested in how people get to school and also what the issues and concerns are for our families. Please take a few moments to respond.

Cake Sale

The children in 5Y have been moved by the story of Nina's sister, Grace, and would like to help raise money for her operation. They will be running a cake sale at pick up time next Friday, 24th May, on the junior playground. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

Music Assemblies and Concerts

Our music teacher, Mrs Mattheopoulos, has been very impressed with the year 3 children in their recorder classes this year. All year 3 parents are invited to a music assembly to showcase their recorder playing and musical talents on the following mornings at 9.15am:

Tues 25th June - 3H

Wed 26th June - 3P

Thurs 27th June - 3R

There will also be 2 further musical concerts arranged by Mrs Mattheopoulos in July on the following days:

Tues 9th July at 2.30pm - year 3/4 instrumental concert

Thurs 11th July at 2.30pm - year 5/6 instrumental concert

PTA School Discos and Leavers' Party

This year the Years 3,4 and 5 disco will be on 20th June, £3 entrance, pay on the door.

The Year 6 leavers party will be on Tuesday 16th July from 6.30 - 8pm. Tickets will be on sale from the 4th June. Invite and further information to follow. Every year we ask the year 5 parents to help at this event, so that the year 6 parents are able to have a final social event at the same time as the party. Please could any parents who would be able to help from 6pm to 8pm please get in contact with Jo Smith via email josmith102@icloud.com

Registration for 11+

Registration opens on Monday 3rd June and closes on Wednesday 3rd July. If you wish to apply please visit the kent.gov.uk website and search 'Kent Test'.

Dates for your diary – Please note new dates or changes in bold

24/05/2019	Last day of term 5
03/06/2019	11+ Registration opens
03/06/2019	Staff development day - Children not in school
04/06/2019	First day of term 6
05/06/2019	Isle of Wight talk to parents at 7.00pm
07/06/2019	PTA meeting in Infant Community Room at 2pm – Parents encouraged to come along!
11/06/2019	Year 5 consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
12/06/2019	Class (Not Yr 6) & Team Photographs
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14/06/2019	60 Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
14/06/2019	Book Fair for Parents after school
w/c 17/06/2019	Isle of Wight week for Year 6
17/06/2019	Book Fair for Parents after school
20/06/2019	Years 3,4 & 5 disco – 5pm to 6pm
25/06/2019	3H Music Concert at 9.15am – Parents invited
26/06/2019	3P Music Concert at 9.15am - Parents invited
27/06/2019	3R Music Concert at 9.15am - Parents invited
28/06/2019	4H Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
03/07/2019	Sports Day - Morning Team events – Children only. Afternoon races - Parents invited
03/07/2019	Yr 2 to Yr 3 transition talk at 7.00pm
03/07/2019	11+ Registration Closes
04/07/2019	Secondary Transition Day - All local secondary schools invite Year 6s to their new schools
04/07/2019	Class changeover – AM only – Pupils have lessons in their new class with their new teacher
05/07/2019	3R Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
06/07/2019	PTA's Summer Fair
09/07/2019	Year 3 & 4 Instrumental Concert at 2.30pm - Parents invited
09/07/2019	Open Day - 3.30pm to 5pm Come to view your children's work
10/07/2019	Class changeover – PM only – Pupils have lessons in their new class with their new teacher
11/07/2019	Year 5 & 6 Instrumental Concert at 2.30pm - Parents invited
16/07/2019	Panto to school at 9.00am
16/07/2019	Year 6 Leavers' Party 6.30pm to 8pm
17/07/2019	Panto to parents at 2.00pm
17/07/2019	Panto to parents at 7.00pm
18/07/2019	Panto to parents at 7.00pm
19/07/2019	5S Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
22/07/2019	Church Leavers' Service at 2.00pm at St James' Church
23/07/2019	Last day of term 6
02/09/2019	Staff development day
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